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# State-Wide University Day

## A Message from the President

The enthusiasm with which the first state wide University Day was celebrated last May assured its permanent success as an annual event.

University Day is bound to be a source of pleasure to those who join in the many reunions held in the name of Old Oregon. It is equally certain to bring large benefit to the University.

The war record made by the students and alumni of the University is splendid. At least forty per cent of the men in the University at the time war was declared are now in service. Over 700 former students and alumni are in the armed forces of the nation—a record few colleges can equal.

Despite this splendid showing of men gone into service, the enrollment at the University has scarcely decreased. New students are replacing those gone and to a degree women are replacing men. This process must continue. Alumni, students, all who see the tremendous need, present and future, for college trained men and women, must continue to do all in their power to help students to college. The need for women prepared for responsible positions is particularly great. Every encouragement should be given high school girls to go on to college.

The present large enrollment in the University is due largely to the activities of alumni and students during the past year, particularly to the work started on University Day last spring. I am sure that this splendid work will continue this year with renewed enthusiasm.

I am glad to extend to all alumni and former students of the University my heartiest greetings and good wishes for the day.

P. L. CAMPBELL

# The University Prepares for War

War preparation comes first in the work done at the University of Oregon this year. Wherever possible, all courses are being directed toward practical use in connection with the winning of the war. A department of military instruction, co-ordinate with the other departments of the University, has been established, with Lieutenant Colonel John Leader, late of the Royal Irish Rifles, as its head. A University battalion of four companies has been formed, made up of every able-bodied male student in the University, and five hours of field drill in this body is compulsory for them all. Added to this is a required lecture course on military science, given by Colonel Leader and by several members of the faculty who have received special training for the purpose at Camp Lewis. Every Saturday morning from 8 to 12 a class in field engineering, with a group taking work in camouflage, is busy. Just now this class is engaged in constructing a new portable military bridge designed by Lieutenant E. H. McAlister, head of the department of mechanics. This bridge, plans for which have been sent to the War Departments of Canada, Great Britain and the United States at their request, is pronounced by Colonel Leader superior to any portable bridge he saw while on the western front. Eighty men are taking this engineering work.

The War Department has given four six-weeks' courses in ordnance stores accounting, under the direction of Lieutenant C. C. Jeremiah, a specialist in commercial subjects. Approximately 250 men have received this training on the Oregon campus.

Practical courses in geology, chemistry, zoology and physics are offered which fit students for special military work. Mathematics courses fundamental to military science are given. Extension work in all subjects is offered for the benefit of students unable to come to Eugene.

For the women, courses in first aid, begun several years ago, have been developed to meet war needs. Red Cross classes are devoting three hours a week to making bandages and surgical dressings. Training for the work of rehabilitating and re-educating disabled soldiers has begun.

The Y. W. C. A., working with the faculty committee, is planning to make it possible for every woman student to get into useful employment during the summer. A state survey is being made and an employment bureau under the Y. W. C. A. is organized. Many clerical positions are open. Work in canning factories and box factories, work on fruit ranches in pruning, thinning, picking and packing, brings our young women wages often of \$2.50 to \$3.50 a day. Domestic secretaries and caretakers are going out to have the care of children whose parents are away on vacations, and to perform other services. One young woman has a position in a logging camp as cook and domestic supervisor as \$90.00 per month. Members of Tre-Nu, an organization of thirty girls who are entirely self supporting during their college course, are arranging to make up an agricultural unit from among its members to go from place to place during the



summer doing seasonal work. From time to time girls are leaving to take positions as substitutes for men in newspaper offices. Graduates in Physical Education are making application for service in reconstruction work and professional students in this department are ready to enter this service if the age limit is reduced.

The Household Arts Department is cooperating closely with the National Food Administration in prompting the use of substitutes which will save grain, fats, sugar and other food substances needed for the American soldiers and for the allied nations. Courses are given in elements of cookery, elementary food economics, and food economy in war time, besides a weekly public lecture. The department has the twofold object of helping the housewife in these days of emergency, and of training teachers who can be missionaries of food-saving.

The School of Commerce has just added a special accounting course in which many women are fitting themselves to fill the places of men going to the front. Military law work is offered in the School of Law.

Under the direction of the Extension Division, lectures have been given by members of the faculty and classes formed in various subjects among the men stationed at Fort Stevens and elsewhere.

The University's war work is being extended wherever possible, and plans are going forward for a very considerable extension in the near future.

## Local Observance

The Alumni Council suggests that local observance take at least three forms in every community.

1. Closer organization of alumni.
2. Celebration of the day in good fellowship.
3. Some work for the University.

### Organization

If there is no alumni organization of the University of Oregon in your community, be sure to get one formed on May 10, the annual State-Wide University Day for 1918. Make sure that everyone in the community who has ever attended the University of Oregon, or taken work from it for credit through the Extension service, is a member of the organization. And do not overlook the isolated alumni; make sure that they have an opportunity to join the nearest gathering. If you are one of them, try to get in touch with the nearest group. Elect a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer, and report the names of members and officers to Karl Onthank, the secretary of the University of Oregon Alumni Association, Eugene, Oregon.

You remember in the present crisis the students and faculty of the University are being called upon for definite services to the country. At such a time, let it not be said that the alumni are not organized to undertake such tasks as may properly fall to college trained men and women throughout the state.

### At the High Schools

Before the sun has set on University Day, 1918, every one of the 24,000 students in the high schools of Oregon should know where the University of Oregon is, and what it is and what it offers to the student ambitious to learn to lead and serve men. Unless some of us fail to do our part in this state-wide effort, every one of the 3,000 boys and girls to be graduated this year from the Oregon high schools will know what men and women in the community are alumni of the University and will know some college graduate to whom to turn for candid, impartial and competent advice in answering the question, "Shall I go to college?"

Every local committee should include one or two very competent persons who will cooperate with the high school principal in a special assembly, on University Day if possible, and surely during University Week. At this assembly the alumnus who speaks should make it clear to the students how vitally important to the nation it is for every high school graduate who can possibly do so to continue his education, and what splendid opportunities for college training are found at the University of Oregon. Illustrated booklets presenting in detail the work at the University will gladly be sent every one who desires them. The alumni secretary is sending copies to every local committee chairman.

A particular effort should be made to reach young men and women who are qualified to enter college but who are not now in high schools. If you cannot do anything else, at least send their names and addresses and suggestions as to courses in which they might be interested, to Karl Onthank.

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Be free to ask for information and help. The Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. maintain employment and information bureaus for the men and women. Many students secure the promise of remunerative work before they actually enter college, through these agencies, and a great many more are aided very materially after entrance. The Registrar will send a catalog and give any information asked for. The deans and heads of departments will be glad to answer special inquiries.

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The Extension service, whose motto is, "The state is the campus," should not be neglected in announcements made by local chairmen. Correspondence courses in many subjects, series of extension lectures in the larger towns, bulletins on special subjects, teachers' reading circle course, pictorial instruction through slides, moving picture films, etc., constitute only a small part of the many extension activities. A card to the Extension Division will bring complete information.



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# The Woman's Building

It is with mingled feelings of disappointment and satisfaction that the following facts in connection with the Woman's Building fund are presented to you: There is disappointment of the keenest sort that the alumni of Old Oregon have not more generally seized this opportunity to assist their Alma Mater. There is satisfaction that in spite of these troubled war times, there has been a steady growth in interest and gifts from our friends all over the state.

An analysis of the contributions to date reveals the following source of gifts: From campus organizations and individuals, (including two senior memorials amounting to \$1077.00), \$2151; from five college women's groups in Portland, \$1635; from alumni and alumnae, (including gift of \$1000 from Portland Oregon Alumnae, \$500 Eugene Oregon Alumnae, and \$500 graduation gift of Mary Hendricks Chambers), \$2560. From this last source it is clear that in three years individual gifts from our alumni and alumnae have amounted to very little. In fact, postal cards sent out in the spring of 1917 asking them to help with this fund did not bring enough returns to pay the expense of mailing the cards. There has been received from women's clubs, \$1813; from interest, \$274; from friends and miscellaneous sources, over \$800, making a total in pledges and gifts to date of \$16,500.

We are trying in every way to connect all phases of University work with war work. Consequently all funds, as fast as they come in, are invested in Liberty Bonds. A movement has been started among our friends to get every alumnus and friend of the University to pledge himself to give one Thrift Stamp a month for every month of the year 1918. Clearly this movement, if properly pushed, would help very greatly to sell Oregon's quota of \$65,000 a day in stamps, and would complete our fund this year for the building.

Will not every reader of this article at once enroll in this cause, sending your promise to do this to Karl Onthank, Johnson Hall, Eugene?

And next year when we go before the legislature, asking them to give us dollar for dollar, as much as we can raise by gifts, will you not lend your hearty and loyal support to that?

The Woman's building will contain a large, beautiful Alumni room. On its walls will be listed the names of graduates and alumni groups who have contributed to the building fund. Will your name be written there?

IRENE H. GERLINGER.

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The Alumni Council desires to see the Emerald sent to every enlisted University man. We have 651 stars on our service flag—all these men want news from home. Will you help send them the Emerald? Any amount you can spare will be gratefully received. Send to Karl Onthank, President's Office, University of Oregon, Eugene.